

**SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**STANDING HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE**

**DOCKET NO. 2016-9-E**

**ORDER NO. 2016-29-H**

**MARCH 23, 2016**

**Standing Hearing Officer: David Butler**

**DOCKET DESCRIPTION:**

**South Carolina Electric & Gas Company's Integrated Resource Plan (IRP)**

**MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

**Motion of Columbia Energy, LLC for Extension Until May 27, 2016 to File Comments**

**STANDING HEARING OFFICER'S ACTION:**

**Motion granted. Columbia Energy, LLC ("Columbia" or "Petitioner"), which is an Intervenor in this case, moves for an extension until May 27, 2016 for all Intervenors to file comments in this matter. The original comment deadline is March 28, 2016. Columbia notes that, in light of the complexity of integrated resource planning and the issues raised by SCE&G's IRP, the additional time will allow a more thorough review of the IRP by Intervenors. The Petitioner states that this extended review will then allow Intervenors to make comments that will be more helpful to the Commission's deliberations. The Petitioner notes that the extension will not prejudice any party to the Docket, and, by prior notice, neither South Carolina Electric & Gas, nor the Office of Regulatory Staff object to the general request for an extension of the comment period. Columbia also refers to a similar motion for an extension made by several non-parties to this Docket, the South Carolina Coastal Conservation League, the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, and Upstate Forever (together, the "Environmental Organizations"). These Environmental Organizations have a pending Joint Petition to Intervene in this case which has not been ruled upon by the Commission on the date of this directive.**

**Columbia's Motion to extend the comment period is hereby granted, and the comment period is extended to May 27, 2016. I agree that the additional time will allow a more thorough review of the IRP, which may result in more helpful comments to the Commission. This extension shall also apply to the Office of Regulatory Staff. The motion for extension made by the Environmental Organizations is moot, since we cannot rule on a motion made by those who are at present non-parties to the case. My granting of the Columbia Energy, LLC Motion grants the same relief sought by the Environmental Organizations. If the Commission grants the Environmental Organizations' Petition to**

**Intervene, it can avail itself of the general extension for comments until May 26, 2016, as can any additional Intervenors in this Docket.**